IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (Amended) A method for coding a presentation, the coded presentation comprising at least one presentation element and a play-out specification of the presentation element indicating how the presentation element is to be played out, characterized in

that the coded presentation comprises a sub-presentation which comprises the presentation element, and

that the sub-presentation is provided with an interface providing a reference for the play-out specification of the presentation element, wherein the reference is defined independent of the coded presentation.

9.   (Amended) A method for playing out a coded presentation comprising at least one presentation element, in which method the presentation element is played out according to a play-out specification, characterized in

that the presentation comprises a sub-presentation which comprises the presentation element,

that the sub-presentation comprises an interface providing a reference, wherein the reference is defined independent of the coded presentation, and

that the presentation element is played out according to the play-out specification relative to this reference.

11.   (Amended) An apparatus comprising a converter module for amending a coded presentation, the coded presentation comprising:

   [-] at least one presentation element, and

   [-] a play-out specification of the presentation element, characterized in

that the coded presentation comprises a sub-presentation which

comprises the presentation element,

that the sub-presentation comprises an interface providing a reference for the play-out specification of the presentation element, wherein the reference is defined independent of the coded presentation, and

that the converter module is arranged to substitute the sub-presentation by a further sub-presentation comprising a corresponding interface.

14. (Amended) An information carrier comprising a coded presentation, said coded presentation comprising:

at least one presentation element; and

a play-out specification of the presentation element indicating how the presentation element is to be played out, wherein the coded presentation comprises a sub-presentation which comprises the presentation element, [and] wherein the sub-presentation is provided with an interface providing a reference for the play-out specification of the presentation element, and wherein the reference is defined independent of the coded presentation.

Please add Claims 22-27 as follows:

22. (New)   An information carrier comprising a coded presentation, said coded presentation comprising:

a plurality of presentation elements; and

a play-out specification of the plurality of presentation elements indicating how the plurality of presentation elements are to be played out, wherein the coded presentation comprises a sub-presentation which comprises the plurality of presentation elements, wherein the sub-presentation is provided with an

interface providing a reference for the play-out specification of the plurality of presentation element, <u>and wherein one of the plurality of presentation elements has a start and a stop time that controls the start time of at least one other of the plurality of presentation elements</u>.

23. (New)   The information carrier of Claim 22, wherein the play-out specification includes a timing specification specifying timing behavior of the presentation element and wherein the interface of the sub-presentation provides a time reference relative to which the timing specification for the presentation element is specified.

24. (New)   The information carrier of Claim 23, wherein the timing specification specifies the start of the presentation element with respect to the time reference of the sub-presentation.

25. (New)   The information carrier of Claim 23, wherein the timing specification specifies the duration of the presentation element with respect to the time reference of the sub-presentation.

26. (New)   The information carrier of Claim 22, wherein the play-out specification includes a location specification specifying a location of the presentation element when presented and wherein the interface of the sub-presentation provides a location frame of reference relative to which the location specification for the presentation element is specified.

27. (New)   The information carrier of Claim 22, wherein the interface of the sub-presentation provides a sub-presentation priority specifying a priority with respect to presenting the sub-presentation.